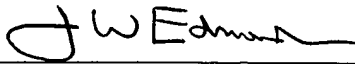


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		CUSTOMER NO. 22,852 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 03284.0059
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/015105		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 6, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION FUEL TANK SUPPORTING STRUCTURE		U.S. APPLICATION NO. if known, see 37 CFR 1.5 <b>10/575077</b> PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 7, 2003
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Teruyuki MINAMI		
Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annex of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A Substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 2005/035291 A1</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>e. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>f. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>g. <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

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The following fees have been submitted:				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	<b>PTO Use Only</b>
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)); .....\$300.00				\$ 300.00	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37CFR 1.492(c))					
If the Written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0				\$ 200.00	
All other situations.....\$200					
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))					
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Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100					
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400				\$ 400.00	
All other situations.....\$500					
<b>TOTAL of 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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23 - 100 = 0	23/50=0	0	x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$ 40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 940.00</b>	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				charged:	\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>940.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0916</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p>					
<p><b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b></p> <p>Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett &amp; Dunner, L.L.P. 901 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20001-4413</p>					
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**ANNEXES TO THE  
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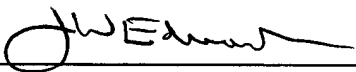
**REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS**

Please substitute the attached replacement page 2 of the Article 34 Amendments for page 2 of the specification in the enclosed as-filed PCT application. Also, please substitute the attached replacement pages 12-14 of the claims of the Article 34 Amendments for pages 12-14 of the claims in the enclosed as-filed PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the specification and claims in the substitute pages be examined during examination of the patent application. Claims 2-12 are currently pending.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 7, 2006

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